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(*b*) whether there are, among these examiners and assistant examiners, persons who have not passed any examination in the subject or subjects for which they are examiners;

(*c*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to give a list of such examiners and assistant examiners;

(*d*) on what basis they were offered examinerships and the reasons for doing so;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that some assistant examiners for Government Technical examinations, especially for Shorthand, do not possess even the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate qualifications; if there are such examiners, who are they and why they were offered examinerships;

(*f*) whether it is also a fact that for technical subjects like Typewriting and Commercial Geography persons who have not passed any Government or other examination in those subjects have been appointed as even chief examiners; and

(*g*) whether the same state of affairs exists with regard to other Government examinations; if not, why this departure is being observed in the case of Government Technical examinations?

A.—(*a*) The list of examiners and assistant examiners is treated as confidential and the Government are therefore unable to publish it.

(*b*) *to* (*g*) The passing of any particular examination is not a condition of a person being appointed as examiner or assistant examiner. The Commissioner for Government Examinations appoints only persons who possess the knowledge required and are competent to discharge the duties of an examiner or assistant examiner. The principle of fitness cannot suitably be made subordinate to the holding of certificates of having passed certain tests and the Commissioner consults, whenever necessary, the advisory boards consisting of representatives of the different departments and interests.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer to clauses (*b*) to (*g*) of this question, may I know what the tests are by which the Commissioner for Government Examinations judges of the competency of these persons to discharge the duties of examiners ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Director of Public Instruction takes into account the qualifications of these people and the experience of others who have no such qualifications to hold examinations and then appoints them."

Construction of the new building for the Government Victoria College, Palghat.

* 532 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what progress has been made in the construction of the new building for locating the Mathematics class in the Government Victoria College at Palghat for which provision has been made in the Public Works Department budget for 1927–28; and

(*b*) when the building is likely to be completed and ready for use?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government understand that when the plans and estimates for the work were about to be sanctioned, the Principal of the college suggested substantial modifications in the plans. The plans and estimates are now under revision.

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Sir, it is stated that the Principal suggested substantial modifications in the plans. May I know what the nature of that suggestion was; whether he was for enlarging the building or changing the dimensions in any other way?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I am afraid I cannot answer that off-hand. But if my hon. Friend wants the information I shall certainly obtain and give it to him, as he is particularly interested in the Government Victoria College, Palghat."

Constitution of the Board for Government Technical Examinations.

* 533 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many members constitute at present the Board for Government Technical Examinations and who they are;

(*b*) what is the remuneration given to each member of the board;

(*c*) what are the functions of the board;

(*d*) whether all the members have passed the Government technical examinations;

(*e*) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to give the names of members who have not passed those examinations;

(*f*) what were the technical subjects dealt with by such members;

(*g*) what is the longest period of time each member has served on the board;

(*h*) whether the Government have been guided in constituting the board, by the consideration of giving equal chances to all persons who have passed highest grades in technical examinations both in the city and mufassal;

(*i*) if not, what are the reasons for the Government's action; and

(*j*) whether the Government will be pleased to appoint in future as members of the board only those who have passed highest grades in Government technical examinations?

A.—(*a*) & (*g*) The number is not fixed. It varies with different boards and with the number of subjects and question papers as well as the number of candidates. The names of members of boards are confidential.

(*b*) No remuneration is paid to any person for being a member of the board.

(*c*) The boards help the Commissioner for Government Examinations in the conduct of the examinations by drawing up question papers, valuing answer papers and conducting oral and practical tests.

(*d*), (*e*) & (*f*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 531.